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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, 1854.

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[PRICE \$2] PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

## INTIMATIONS.

## SUMMER HATS.

ARRIVALS.  
May 30, KWANGTUNG, British steamer 600 M., Young, Foochow 24th May, Tamsui 25th, and Amoy 28th, General—DOUGLAS LATHAM & Co.  
May 29, KUNMING, Chinese steamer, 600 G., Buchuan, Newchwang 21st May, and Chefoo 23rd, Beans—C. M. S. N. Co.  
May 30, SAGAHLIN, French steamer, 3,622 J., Honore, Marseilles 27th April, Naples 29th, Port Said 3rd May, Suez 4th, Aden 10th, Colombo 17th, Singapore 23rd and Saigon 27th, Manila and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
May 30, ROLUS, Spanish steamer, 325 Esteban Tromp, Manila 27th May, Balneario DUNN, MELEY & Co.  
May 30, VORVALLET, German steamer, 611, Boysal, Mauritius 1st May, and Singapore 23rd, General—WIELER & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.  
MAY 29TH.  
G. G. S. Jacob, Dutch str., for Saigon.  
Electra, German str., for Yokohama.  
Margare, German ship, for New York.  
San Pablo, Amer. str., for Yokohama.  
Miramar, British str., for Kochi-sha.  
Tessarina, British str., for Saigon.

## DEPARTURES.

May 30, NAM-VIAN, French str., for Haiphong.  
May 30, NICOLA, British bark, for Tukoo.  
May 30, G. G. S. Jacob, Dutch str., for Saigon.  
May 30, PERSHUS, British str., for Singapore.  
May 30, SAN PABLO, Amer. str., for San Francisco.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Sugillation, str., from Marseilles, &c.—For Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, Mr. and Mrs. Vital, Messrs. Busch, Satzauer & Serrano, Barrocas, and Strudwick, Marseilles, French.  
Sir Isaac, Mr. Isaac, Mr. Macmillan, and 3 children, Evan 8, John 5, Tim 3, and 25 Chinese. For Yokohama—Mrs. Mantolin, from Marseilles.

For Keppelton, str., from East Coast—  
Messa Fyo, and Midland, and 29 Chinese.  
For Vorvallet, str., from Mauritius, &c.—185 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per San Pablo, str., for San Francisco.—214 Chinese.

## REPORTS.

The British steamer *King George* reports from Foochow to Tamsui experienced light Easterly winds with fine, clear weather. From Tamsui to Amoy light Easterly winds with dull, hazy weather. From Amoy to part fresh N.E. breeze with dull, cloudy weather and rain throughout.

The Chinese steamer *Kungtung* reports from Newchuan at noon, 21st instant. Arrived at Chfoo at 2 p.m., 22nd, and left again 2 p.m., 23rd. Experienced moderate Northern winds and fine weather to the 26th; thence Southerly winds with rainy thick weather.

## AMOY SHIPPING.

May—ARRIVALS.  
21, Diamond, British str., from Hongkong.  
21, G. G. S. Jacob, Dutch str., from H'kong.  
21, Seewo, British str., from Swatow.  
21, Nunea, British str., from Foochow.  
21, Emy, Spanish str., from Hongkong.  
22, Ulysses, British str., from Hongkong.  
22, Sir Park, Chinese str., from Swatow.  
22, Sir Park, Chinese str., from Foochow.  
22, Polina, British str., from Tamsui.  
22, Rosina, British str., from Hongkong.  
23, Falco, Amer. str., from Foochow.  
24, Hindou, British str., from Hongkong.  
24, Orient, German bark, from Chefoo.  
25, Fu-yew, Chinese str., from Shanghai.  
25, Pelham, British str., from Chefoo.  
25, Johanna Carl, German str., from Chefoo.  
25, Anna, German str., from Chefoo.  
25, Abrau, German str., from Chefoo.  
25, Heiti, British str., from Chefoo.  
25, Don Juan, Spanish str., from Hongkong.  
26, Esmeralda, British str., from Hongkong.

## DEPARTURES.

26, Piccola, German str., from Swatow.  
21, Louise, German str., for Newchuan.  
21, Seewo, British str., for Shanghai.  
21, Nunea, British str., for Swatow.  
21, Emy, Spanish str., from Hongkong.  
22, Kungtung, Friction str., from Hongkong.  
22, Ulysses, British str., from Hongkong.  
22, Sir Park, Chinese str., from Swatow.  
22, Sir Park, Chinese str., from Foochow.  
22, Polina, British str., from Tamsui.  
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24, Hindou, British str., from Hongkong.  
24, Orient, German str., from Chefoo.  
25, Fu-yew, Chinese str., for Chefoo.

## NEWCHUANG SHIPPING.

May—ARRIVALS.  
6, Atalanta, German str., from Chefoo.  
6, Carl Ritter, German bark, from Chefoo.  
6, Tientin, British str., from Tientsin.  
6, China, Chinese str., from Tientsin.  
6, Yehsi, Chinese str., from Tientsin.  
6, Peihli, British str., from Shanghai.  
6, Bentuetha, British str., from Tientsin.  
6, Polyphonia, German str., from Shanghai.  
6, Hilda Maria, German bark, from Tientsin.  
6, Kangai, Chinese str., from Chefoo.

## DEPARTURES.

6, Leong Wan, British str., for Hongkong.  
4, Kwangtung, British str., for Chefoo.  
4, Venus, German str., for Chefoo.  
4, Victoria, British str., for Chefoo.  
6, Linda, British str., for Chefoo.  
6, Cassandra, German str., for Chefoo.  
6, Tientin, British str., for Chefoo.  
6, Amy, British str., for Chefoo.  
6, Yang Po, Chinese str., for Chefoo.

## VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)  
Hebrich, Cardiff, Dec. 1  
Elsie, Cardiff, Dec. 1  
Glenamher, L. P. & C. Ltd., Cardiff, Dec. 1  
George, Cardiff, Dec. 14  
Andrew Jackson, Cardiff, Dec. 28  
Morin, Cardiff, Dec. 30  
Forest King, Penarth, Jan. 1  
Jupiter, Antwerp, Jan. 8  
Adole, Cardiff, Jan. 15  
Lounra, Cardiff, Jan. 16  
Maecon, Cardiff, Feb. 1  
Glenamher, Cardiff, Feb. 1  
Governor Tilley, Penarth, Feb. 25  
Metaphilia (a.), Middleborough, Feb. 27  
Jupiter, Flushing, Feb. 27  
Vesperian (a.), Liverpool, Feb. 29  
Cape (a.), Hamburg, Mar. 15  
Guy C. Cross, Penarth, Mar. 15  
Lord Jeffrey (a.), Glasgow, Mar. 18  
Mr. (a.), Liverpool, Mar. 18  
Governor Goodwin, Penarth, Mar. 20  
South America, L. P. & C. Ltd., Mar. 25  
Canton (a.), Cardiff, Mar. 26  
Papa, Hamburg, Mar. 29  
Glenamher (a.), Greenwich, Mar. 29  
Allahabad, Penarth, April 1  
Rathmorsley (a.), Antwerp via L'don, April 3  
Edinburgh (a.), L'don, April 4  
Archibald (a.), L'don, April 7  
Miau, Plymouth, April 8  
Athol (a.), Cardiff, April 9  
Hydro, L'don via Cardiff, April 9  
Principia (a.), L'don, April 12  
Joe Kaners, L'pool via Cardiff, April 14  
FRANCE ENGLAND, Hongkong, 6th May, 1854. [013]

## NOTICE.

## BANKS.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.  
INSTALLMENT received, \$22,074,747.75.  
RESERVED FUND, \$2,500,000.  
INSTALLMENTS OF P/B, \$1,563,361.66.  
NEW SHARES, \$4,063,361.66.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. P. McEVER, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSEN  
H. Dalyell, Esq., A. M. M. ALLY & CO.  
H. G. G. STANLEY, Esq., W. H. FOXHILL, Esq.  
Hon. W. KEARNS, Esq., O. D. BATTENLEY, Esq.

## CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
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## LONDON BANKERS—LONDON &amp; COUNTY BANK.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of  
2 per cent per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 3 per cent per Annum.  
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## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Commercial Bills of approved Societies, and  
any description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

Bills granted on London, and the chief  
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,  
America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager  
of the Corporation.  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1854. [17]

## NOTICE.

## RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be  
conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation on their premises in  
Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10  
to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. The Assets of the Hongkong and Shang-  
hai Banking Corporation will form a direct  
Security for the repayment of sums deposited in  
the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at  
once may not be received. No depositor  
may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4. Deposits may be made on behalf of relatives  
or friends, and in addition to the Depositor's  
own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than  
\$100 or more than \$1,500 at once may do so by  
opening a clear account with the Bank or  
Post Office. When the sum is presented with  
ten clear stamps the depositor will be  
credited one dollar.

6.—Banks which have accounts in the Savings  
Bank having \$100 or more of their credit may at their option  
transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shang-  
hai Banking Corporation as their deposit for  
12 months of 5 per cent per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the  
Port of Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per  
annum will be allowed to Depositors on their  
daily balance.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis  
with a Pass-Book which must be presented with  
each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must  
not make any entries themselves in their Pass-  
Books, but should send them to be written up at  
least twice a year, about the beginning of  
January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Register-  
books, and generally all documents relating  
to the business of the Bank will be forwarded  
free of Postage or Registration Fees by the  
various British Post Offices in Hongkong and  
China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,  
but the personal attendance of the Depositor or  
his duly appointed Agent and the production of  
his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All demands connected with the busi-  
ness of the Savings Bank are exempt from  
Stamp Duty.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

## MAIL TABLES.

THE TABLE of AIRMAILS and DEF-  
TUBES of ENGLISH and FRENCH MAILs  
at and from LONDON and HONGKONG will be  
furnished by the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1854. [844]

## NOTICE.

## THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1853.

WITH Reference to the above, business will  
be commenced on the 1st May, 1854.

For the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1854. [844]

## NOTICE.

## OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY.

We have appointed Messrs. O'Brien &  
Co., of Shanghai, Sole Agents for the  
sale of our OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY in  
the Empire. The Copies of which are only  
to be purchased from his Studio or Messrs.  
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scenery of the late Riot in Canton.

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At the 14th day of June, 1854, at 3 P.M.,  
on the Premises of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

For Further Particulars, apply to  
MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., 5, INLAND LOT NO. 63.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., 10, INLAND LOT NO. 63.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1854. [130]

## NOTICE.

## THE PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on

THIS DAY,

the 31st May, 1854, at 2 P.M., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

Apply to H. M. M. ALLY & CO.,

Hongkong, 20th February, 1854. [145]

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A. S. WATSON AND CO.,  
FARMERS AND DISPENSING  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the  
GOVERNOR AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS  
PENTON MEDICINE VENDORS,  
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AND  
STERILIZED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [23]

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 31ST, 1884.

As was anticipated, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council have reported strongly in favour of the more extended issue of One Dollar Notes. These notes are, as the Committee say, most desirable for the convenience of the community, if not absolutely necessary. The silver dollar is a cumbersome coin, and the practice of shopping renders it of uncertain value. Much more satisfactory is the dollar note, which is convenient to carry and handle and possesses a fixed purchasing power. The public is therefore naturally most desirous that the issue should be continued. The only point on which any difference of opinion might arise is as to whether the notes should be issued by the Government or by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which has for many years past met the convenience of the public in this matter as far as the Government would allow it. The arguments on this question were fully reviewed in our issue of the 2nd instant. The Finance Committee arrive at practically the same conclusion as that come to by us then. They consider the issue of One Dollar Notes by the Government inadvisable under the conditions laid down by the Imperial Treasury, as the local Government could not recoup any portion of the considerable expense of initiating and carrying on a note circulation, and, in view of the serious demands on the revenue of the Colony caused by the extensive public works in progress, the Committee think it undesirable that any permanent addition to expenditure should at present be made. They point out that it would never be possible, in case of a Government issue of notes, to invest any considerable portion of the funds representing such notes, as in the event of pressure on the Government for silver, the Banks would also be pressed, and would probably be unable to purchase Government drafts, even at more than ordinarily remunerative rates. If, however, the issue of notes could not be otherwise provided for, the question of the cost to the colony ought not to stand in the way of supplying such keenly felt want. We do not understand the Committee to convey that if the issue by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank be disallowed there ought to be no issue at all. We take the report to mean simply that in the face of the proposal of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which will ensure the same convenience to the public without any expense to the colony, it would be undesirable for the Government to take upon itself the issue. The proposal of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, as set forth in the report, is that the Bank should issue some One Dollar Notes as may be required, keeping the issue so entirely separate from the issues of notes of larger denominations, and making it upon an entirely metallic basis. That is to say, the Bank would ear-mark and deposit in a separate vault, the keys of which would be kept by the Colonial Treasurer, a special reserve of Mexican Dollars equal to the full extent of its One Dollar Notes in circulation. This is an extremely liberal proposal; indeed, it could not be more liberal. The Bank is absolutely to lock up a certain amount of its capital, equal to the issue of the notes, on which it will be unable to obtain any return whatever in the way of interest or profit. What the object of the Bank may be in making such an offer does not appear. The directors no doubt see that in some way the issue of the notes will be for the ultimate benefit of the Bank, but it is clear that no direct profit can be derived from it. Not only is the amount represented by the notes to be kept locked up, but the Bank will have to bear the expense of conducting the issue. Possibly the view of the directors may be that by thus meeting the convenience of the public and having notes bearing its name circulating practically as the favourite currency of the colony they will extend the reputation of the Bank and render that popular institution still more popular, thus indirectly recouping the cost of the issue. With the objects of the Bank the public, however, hardly concerned, except by curiosity. What does clearly appear is that the Bank offers to issue as many One Dollar Notes as may be required, holding against such notes an earmarked reserve to the full

extent of the issue, such reserve being absolutely inalienable to any other purpose whatsoever, so that each note will in fact represent hard cash quite irrespective of the credit of the Bank. The Government will indeed be foolish if it refuses the offer, and the public would not readily forgive it for such a *faux pas*.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 8.15 yesterday morning.

The *Patung Times* learns from Laos that the Chinese there are very much annoyed about the Beveridge mission, and are threatening to banish all the Europeans in the place if the persons in question are not removed.

Information has been officially received here, that the *Patung Times* of the 15th May, that cholera has broken out at Oklahom and quarantine has been ordered on all vessels from that port by the local authorities.

The *Singapore News* says the examination made by the crew of the sunken steamer *St. John* to see if it was possible to raise her so far as to remove the reef, is not probable that it will be necessary to abandon the ship completely, and that the administration will have to blow her up to remove the obstruction in the river.

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## OLLA PODRIDA.

The population of Mexico, including natives, Indiana, Spaniards, and those of mixed blood, numbers about 10,000,000. The area of country is nearly 800,000 square miles.

Sir Edward Walker, M. P., offers £1,000 toward the rescue of General Gordon. He asks the London papers to open a fund for this purpose, where he says, £10,000 would be collected in a few hours.

A London special says the crash and scandal over the flight of the French ambassador Parker now goes on with unabated fury. Parker now goes to and comes from his office. The total liability of the firm appears to be \$5,000,000, while this assets are virtually nothing.

Two members of Parliament had their names stricken from the membership roll of the London Press Club for non-payment of dues. They are Thomas Sexton of Sligo, and Frank Hugh O'Donnell of Dundrum.

A New Orleans storekeeper conceived and executed the plan of putting up the sign:—"Admission Free," over the door of his shop. His plan has been crowded over since. The average price of admission does a few thousand.

"Well, Pat," was asked of a recently arrived immigrant, "and how do you like America?" "It's a fine country, I suppose," said he. "No, sir, but I have a friend in Washington who is after getting me a pension." "Philadelphia Call."

Lieut. Ray says that the Aleutian Islands, lying as far west of San Francisco as Maine lies east of it, and swept by the air from the warm Arctic current of the ocean, have a climate like Southern Ireland, and are going to be very valuable for grazing.

The man who can thoroughly enjoy himself at a fashionable reception after discovering that the bow of his white tie is under his left arm is superior to the pomp and circumstance of this wicked world.—*Boston Gazette*.

There was a very little boy, trading up to his knees, almost in the dust in Marquette, one afternoon this spring, when a passing gentleman said to him: "Why are you not at school, young man?" "Cos I've got the whooping cough," he explained.

Rogers mentions a clever story said by Lord Dudley, on some Viceregal luncheon inviting implicitly him: "What wretched bad French you all speak in London!" "It's true, madame," he answered; "we have not enjoyed the advantage of having the French twice in our capital."

At a recent examination of a country grammar school a clever schoolboy said that he was often excited when undergoing an examination so as to spill many good papers by the most curious blunders. For instance, a boy, in answer to the question, "Suppose Queen Victoria had died in childhood, who would have succeeded to the English throne?" wrote "her eldest son."

The Canadian French make up for the small families in old France. They have driven the English from the eastern seacoast north of Vermont, and then have come down to the south of Quebec. The French Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, numbering sixties-five, contains only twelve who can speak English.

The finger-bowl is tabooed, according to a society journal. Many years ago a distinguished French gourmet declared that the use of this apposite indicated ignorance of the art of eating, since the master of the knife and fork would always sit his fingers.

A militiaman was lately asked by the police to trace the whereabouts of a family who had left the neighbourhood owing him eighteen dollars. "Well, I suppose there were nine dollars worth of washin' in that milk account," remarked the policeman. "That's what it calls me," said the militiaman. "They were now married, and I hadn't commenced to think of getting a wife."

One of the highest compliments Elwin Booth, the American actor, ever received was paid him by an old negro woman, a family servant who went to see a performance of *Richard III* during Booth's visit to Savannah. Giving her impression of the play to her mistress next day, she expressed the greatest concern for the health of the actor. "Poor old man," said she, "he can't act, but dadough'll carry him to his grave, shan't he?"

The authorities in Swansea are attempting to induce the Government to send the American mails by way of Swansea instead of through Liverpool and Queenstown as at present. At a recent meeting of the Swansea Harbour trust, Sir Harry Vivian stated that representations had been made to the Government which showed that during the last six months thirty-six steamers had called for New York. He said Swansea was the chief port of call for coast steamers on the Atlantic, and was beyond twelve hours nearer the United States than Liverpool.

The directions given in fashion journals for crocheting duffles and things are very lively reading, but lack plot. If my memory is not at fault, they run something this way:—Work two rows of duffles, two stiches in a third, two single stiches, then make a chain and add to centre of Q. B. seventh, long and turn back, white to play and mate in three stiches. It seems easy enough.

In the Naval dockyards of Russia there is now said to be far more activity than for some time past. Six new vessels will be launched before the end of the approaching summer. Two of the number will be frigates, two cruisers, and two gun-boats. The strategic railway line between Balaikat and Omsk, which runs from Tomsk to Ust-Kamenogorsk, is now to be constructed with all possible despatch. Most of the work is to be done by soldiers.

The Irish people are noted for their long funeral processions, but that of the late lamented Senator George W. Do Long has distanced them all by many thousand miles. His remains being brought from New York to Irkutsk, 2,342 miles, Irkutsk by horse, and then to Krasnoyarsk, 670 miles; Krasnoyarsk by horse to Tomsk, 367 miles; Tomsk by horse to Omsk, 582 miles; Omsk by horse to Orenburg, 1,000 miles; Orenburg by railroad to Moscow, about 900 miles; Moscow by railroad to St. Petersburg, 300 miles; St. Petersburg to New York, 10,000 miles.

It may seem little reason to say that a person eighty years of age has lost all his teeth after having lost all his feet set into each in the case. Mrs. Gertrude Hammill, a widow, who lives with her son, Frank Hammill, a tailor and a half southeast of Jeffersonburg, is about eighty years of age. Two years ago she cut a tooth, but it was soon lost, and she did not know when it appeared. Last week she cut another tooth, and is doing good service now. She has had no eye-sight and reads readily without glasses. Seeing eye-sight is not an uncommon thing, but the cutting of teeth a second time is something we have seldom heard of.—*Washington, D. C. Observer*.

For years there has stood at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, an old woman who sold flowers. On the 24th April it was discovered that she was one of the heirs of a vast estate left by John James Emerson, who died without leaving a will, worth \$5,000,000. When he died his estate was valued at \$5,000,000. Now it is worth \$20,000,000, part of which is in England, the rest being in Germany and New York. She says that her husband was a graduate of the Royal Military College. Several heirs to this estate have appeared in the past, but they failed to produce the requisite proof of identity. Emerson left a bundle of papers in the hands of his son and says that they will fully establish her claim.

According to a communication in the *Muttertagen*, of the Berlin Technical Laboratory, petroleum from the Caucasus is not suitable for lubricating machinery. As regards its illuminating power, however, it has high point of ignition makes it less dangerous than other kinds of oil.

The small amount of carbonized hydrocarbon in the volatilization of which carbon is separated, causes the oil to burn only slightly carbonized. Its high state of ignition causes it to rise well in the wicks. The above properties ought to make Caucasian petroleum an excellent illuminant with a properly contrivuted burner.

The *Press Star* and *World* publishes the following which it conceals to the *Monitor Republic*:—Mr. M. A. H. Wild boy was recently caught in the Santa Rosa mountains in the vicinity of the Comancheria. He was captured to that town and put in a well-fenced enclosure, where he greedily consumed fruit, lettuce, roses and the roots of several plants. He never spoke nor seemed to notice those who went to see him. He seemed perfectly harmless, but one who he seized a little child, three years of age, and begged to eat it. The child's cries attracted attention but before long he devoured the child, and ran away a part of the face. On seeing the child about to be taken away, he squandered it to death in his arms. This wild youth is now confined in a cage, Wyman Street, Hongkong; or from the different Agents.

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

**FRIDAY, 31st May.**  
EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—	
Bank Bills, on demand.....	3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight.....	3/8
Credits, at 30 days' sight.....	3/8
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight.....	3/8
Private, 30 days' sight.....	3/8
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand.....	4/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight.....	4/6
ON BOMBAY.—	3/3
Bank Bills, 3 days' sight.....	2/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	3/3
Bank Bills, 3 days' sight.....	2/2
ON SYDNEY.—	7/4
Bank Bills, 30 days' sight.....	7/4
SHIRES.—	
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shires—12½ per cent premium.	12½
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$550 per share.	\$550
China Trade and Commercial Company's Shares—\$75 per share.	\$75
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$345 per share.	\$345
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—buyers 68 per cent premium.	68
Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—24½ per cent premium.	24½
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—2½ per cent discount.	2½
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$84 per share.	\$84
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$145 per share.	\$145
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—11½ per cent premium.	11½
China Sugar Refining Company (Deobear)—10 per cent.	10
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## R A C T S.

**WHAT IS LOVE?**  
 Translated from the German by G. Gate.  
 Of thy deep feelings, oh! my heart!  
 I fain would question thee.  
 Knowst thou this secret? What is Love?  
 Ah! then reveal it me.  
 "It is two souls fast united,  
 Bound by a magic spell—  
 It is two hearts only longing  
 Each thought, each wish to tell."  
 Then when is Love the sweet?  
 Say, is that moment known?  
 Yes, when it quite forgets itself,  
 And loves for Love alone!"

Comst tell when 't is the deepest?  
 Is 't when both hearts are glad?  
 "No; when they're still silent,  
 And others think them sad."

Once more—when is 't the richest?  
 When on bright hope it lives?  
 No; when it offers everything—  
 'T is richest when it gives!"

When does it fade—for all things fade?  
 When the soul is gone and gone!

"Never, indeed, though knowne may break,  
 Love fades not—but loves on!"

Public Opinion.

**A KENTUCKY BREAKFAST.**  
 Dick Wintersmith always pretended to be familiar with the tastes and habits of the people of the Blue-Grass region. Speaking of the menu of the morning repast of the Lexingtonians, he has been heard to say that the Lexington breakfast consisted of three whisky cocktails and a chew of tobacco. It would be difficult to find language sufficiently strong in which to denounce this vile slander.—*Louisville Courier Journal*.

**A TURKISH PARABLE.**  
 A traveller who spent sometime in Turkey, related a beautiful parable told him by a dervish, and which seemed more beautiful than Sterne's celebrated figure of the aching spirit and recording angel: "Every man," said the dervish, "has two angels, one on his right shoulder and one on his left. When he does anything good, the angel on his right shoulder writes it down and seals it, because what has been done will be done for ever. When he does evil, the angel on the left writes it down, and he waits till midnight. If before that time the man bows his head and exclaims, 'Gracious Allah! I have sinned; forgive me!' the angel rubs out the record; but if not, at midnight he seals it, and the beloved angel on the right shoulder weeps."—*Household Words*.

**SPOOPENYKE DICTATES A LETTER.**

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Spopenyke, when his wife had propped him up in bed and stuffed some extra pillows under his shoulders; "now, my dear, take your pen and ink and I will dictate a letter to Speckletoff. If you will play amanuensis I don't see why I can't be sick just as well as not." Mrs. Spopenyke fluttered around and arranged her writing materials. "Shall I write on a card with a gilt edge, or shall I take note paper?" she asked. "You'd better use paper," replied Mr. Spopenyke, severely.

"When I want to convey my ideas on a single line I'll carve 'em in with a knife. Now get ready, for I'm going to start, and don't you interrupt me, or you will put me out!" "All ready, dear," murmured Mrs. Spopenyke, dipping her pen into the ink and contemplating her husband anxiously.

"Mr. Peter B. Speckletoff," commenced Mr. Spopenyke. "Is his middle name B?" asked Mrs. Spopenyke, resting her album on her head on her hand, and testing her pen on the blotter. "I don't think I like his name, anyway. Peter isn't nice." "If any other name occurs to you put it in," observed Mr. Spopenyke with a growl. "You don't need to have a man's right name in a letter. Put in anything and hurry up with you. Go to keep me in suspense all day about who this letter is going to?" Mrs. Spopenyke plumped into her work and wrote hurriedly for a moment.

"Now I've got him in," said Mr. Spopenyke, smiling broadly. "The's what you said. Now go on with the rest." "Have you got the date and 'Dear Sir' in too?" asked Mr. Spopenyke, possibly, for he was trying to think how he should start his letter. "No, dear, you didn't say anything about those," replied his wife. "You only said the name, but I'll put the others in." "Well, will ye?" croaked Mr. Spopenyke.

"Sickened on a great deal of credit to yourself for your kindness to the sick, isn't ye? Willing to yield your own preferences in favour of your suffering husband. Well, you can't fool me that much. Don't put 'em in near me?" "But I've got 'em in," pleaded Mrs. Spopenyke. "Then strike 'em out," roared her husband. "Spose I'm going to let you put those things in and throw 'em up at me from the moment I get well till the day I die? Scratch 'em out, I tell ye! I don't propose to have my life made miserable by reminders of your kindness when I am drowning in the grave with one leg! Now what have you got?" "Peter B. Speckletoff," said Mrs. Spopenyke, mentally satisfied there could be no mistake in that. "Anything to show whether he's a man or a woman?" demanded Mr. Spopenyke. "Any Mrs. or Mrs.?" hanging to it anywhere? "Certainly," replied Mrs. Spopenyke. "It says 'Mr. Peter B. Speckletoff.' That's the way you told me to write it, didn't you? Now go on with the letter." "They put—I am dying, and I wish you—" "Great goodness!" ejaculated Mrs. Spopenyke, dropping her pen. "You are not dying, dear; you don't want the man to think that." "Why not?" squealed Mr. Spopenyke. "Spose a man is going to die out of his way to get the mail for a man who has a cold in his head? You put in that I'm dying, or I'll drop over into that corner and write the whole letter with one application of the inkstand!" "Go on, dear," cooed Mrs. Spopenyke. "I've got it so; only he may think it strange that a dying man should write to him." "They say, 'I want you to get my letter from the office, and tell them I will be over in a day or two.' Go on!" "Yes," giggled Mrs. Spopenyke. "Spose a man is going to die?" "What's you guelling at?" bawled Mr. Spopenyke, on whom the inclemencies of his letter had begun to dawn. "What have you got that mouth of yours stretched out like a graveyard for? Think I'm dictating a comic almanac? Got a notion that this letter is some kind of a robust? Well, it ain't, and it ain't a comical entertainment with a funny man at each end! What are you laughing at? Anybody in this country know?" "I wasn't laughing, dear," murmured Mrs. Spopenyke with a marvellously straight face. "I was only grinning with you." "Was, eh?" grunted Mr. Spopenyke. "Well, when it takes the form of a vine like you, I nevered to a minute ago I want to be hung, instead of being sympathised with. Another time you open your mouth like that I'm going to pat seas in it and start a church." And cogitating on the vast improvement in his wife's anatomy Mr. Spopenyke, forgetting all about his letter, rolled over and went to sleep.

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